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1. The Voroshilov factory, located near Sofia, employs 3,000 workers and makes telephones, radios, portable transmitters, and other electrical appliances. Its products are of inferior quality, and this enterprise is in constant financial difficulty. Telephone equipment is destined for the Bulgarian and Chinese Armies, and most other export production is sent to China. The chemical departments occupy the ground floor of the factory building, and the technical departments occupy the remaining floors of the two and one-half story building.
2. The Armstrong machines at the Nadezhda thermoelectric station, which were obtained in the USSR, are now giving trouble, and the Bulgarians have been compelled to ask Soviet specialists to repair them.
3. Yugoslavia is building a large power station to exploit the nine waterfalls in the Surdulica - Vladoicin Han area, thus arousing the interest of the Bulgarian Security Services. A department in the Bulgarian Ministry of Defense has asked the Bulgarian Ministry of Electrification for details on the national power resources in the area.
4. The central laboratory of the Galenus drug factory is located at 8 Rabotnik Street, Sofia. It employs 125 workers and is headed by Iliya Khalachev. The government is supposed to establish a similar laboratory in each of the 14 districts in Bulgaria, but only two have been established to date because of the shortage of specialists and equipment. Although the government plans to open at least three more such laboratories during 1953, it is not believed that even this goal will be reached.
5. The government budget calls for pharmacies in Bulgaria to reach a total annual income of 145 million leva, of which the Sofia district is expected to reach 29 million leva. However, pharmacies in the Sofia district had an income of five million less than called for in the first three quarters of 1953, and pharmacies in other districts are in a similar position.

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